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Council buys into service delivery review

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Nov. 28 Minden Hills council meeting.

Council was visited by Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen and county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter, who've been travelling to each of the county's four lower-tier municipal councils seeking support for a service delivery and governance review the county is having conducted.

The study will look at the delivery of services, in particular, which tier is best suited to deliver which service, opportunities for consolidation of services, etc., and may also lead to recommendations to change the local governance structure itself, such as the possibility of an amalgamated, single-tier government.

Initially, it was thought that report would be completed by next fall. However, new municipal modernization funding the province has

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Ladies' Night in Minden

The cool temperature didn't dissuade shoppers during Ladies' Night in downtown Minden on Thursday, Nov. 28. Some participating merchants featured Ladies' Night discounts, offers and free treats/refreshments during the day while others started at about 5 p.m. and stayed open until nearly 9 p.m. See more photos on page 14. /DARREN LUM Staff

Land trust to map wetland with climate action funding

by JENN WATT
Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust announced last week that it had received a grant for more than \$36,000 from Environment and Climate Change Canada to map and evaluate the Kendrick Creek Wetland Complex with the goal of having the area designated a provincially significant wetland.

The Fred and Pearl Barry Wetland Reserve, which is one of the land trust's properties, is at the top of Kendrick Creek, at the outflow of South Lake, and is part of the wider 849-hectare wetland complex.

HHLT chairperson Mary-Lou Gerstl said part of the project will include education and awareness raising about the importance of wetlands to the overall environmental health of the region and their role in combating climate change and flooding.

One of the first orders of business will be a presentation to Minden Hills council.

"I think they're going to find this exciting, certainly for them it brings awareness to climate change and the value of the wetlands to mitigate flooding. We want them to be the first to know," Gerstl said in an interview.

The Barry Wetland is about 25 hectares, but the funding is to map and evaluate the whole complex, which will be led by

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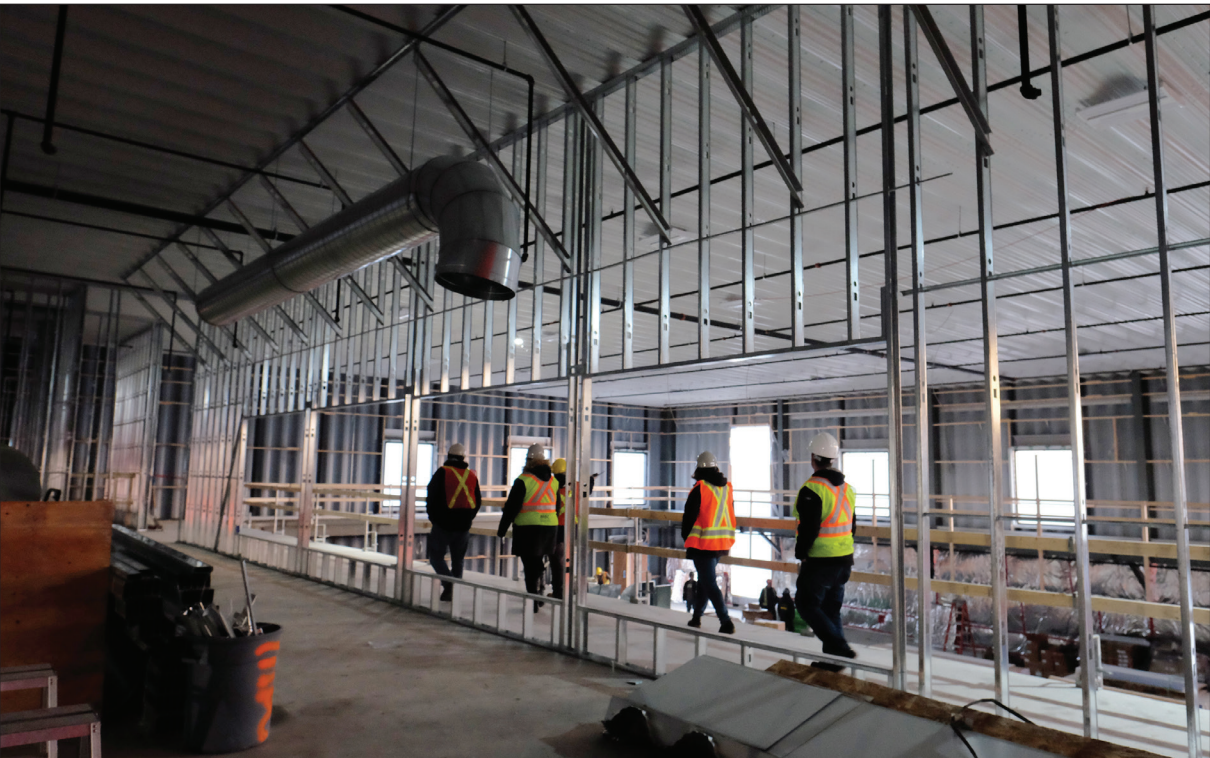
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Sneak peek

The new Minden Hills arena will feature an NHL-sized rink. The public were given a sneak peek of the construction during the Minden Hills Community Centre Renewal Project Open House and Tour on Tuesday, Nov. 26 in Minden. The facility will also include a gymnasium and fitness room./DARREN LUM Staff



A group is seen through the unfinished walls of the new fitness room which is under construction.



The new Minden Hills arena's main entrance is still a work in progress.



The new Minden Hills arena complex features a gymnasium, as seen from the second floor.



Seat 16, which was on display during the open house and tour, will be one of 282 seats expected to be installed in the arena.

Timeline tightened for project

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made available is a perfect fit for the project. A caveat is that in order to qualify for that funding, the study must now be completed by June.

"It has moved our timeline up a little bit," Rutter told councillors.

It's Rutter's hope that county council will approve a request for proposals for a consultant for the project in December, that a decision on a consultant would be made by February, and that the report would be completed by the June deadline. Rutter said he's asked provincial reps if there's any flexibility on the deadline, and it appeared that was not the case.

Rutter has estimated the process will cost \$150,000, but has added on a number of occasions this estimate may be conservative. The upper tier of the county would fund half the cost, each of its lower tiers at 12.5 per cent, although a successful grant application for modernization funding would mean costs borne by the province.

Minden Hills council agreed to the process, and for the township to cover its share,



Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen and county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter speak to Minden Hills councillors on Nov. 28 about the county's service delivery and governance review. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

if required.

"Anything worth doing is worth analyzing," said Mayor Brent Devolin. Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al councils have also supported the process, and Rutter and

Danielsen are scheduled to visit Highlands East council early this month.

Benefits costs up

It will cost the Township of Minden Hills

approximately \$295,000 to provide employee benefits for 2019, an increase of approximately six per cent from last year, or about \$17,000 more.

Kevin Ashe of Mosey & Mosey Insurance Agency told councillors that while the insurance company had requested an increase as high as 11 per cent, that figure had been negotiated down to six. The increase puts the township's five-year average rate increase for benefits at 3.7 per cent, which Ashe noted is "certainly higher than the rate of inflation," but lower than rates being faced by many other municipalities.

Ashe told council that consortium purchasing of benefits can often offer savings, and that Mosey & Mosey is helping to manage one consortium sponsored through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Ashe said it may also prove beneficial for the lower-tier townships of Haliburton County to purchase benefits through a county-wide plan and that Mosey & Mosey could assist the county in a feasibility study for such, if so desired.



Schmale sworn in

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale, seen here with the Clerk of the House of Commons Charles Robert, was sworn in to the 43rd Parliament on Thursday, Nov. 28. Schmale, a Conservative, reclaimed his seat in October's federal election, and is beginning his second term. He was named to the shadow cabinet representing the Crown-Indigenous relations file. /Photo submitted

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Dec 12 – Combined COTW & Council Meeting

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Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the month of December

NOTICE – PUBLIC MEETING for PROPOSED FEE CHANGES

Please take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday December 12, 2019 during its combined Committee of the Whole and Regular Council Meeting, regarding proposed changes to its Fees and Charges By-law.

This meeting will commence following the two (2) 9:00 AM Public Meetings for proposed Zoning By-law Amendments in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

Dated this 28th day of November, 2019.

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From Nov 1st to Apr 30th, overnight parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 8:00 AM on township roadways and parking lots. Furthermore, parking in the turning circle of a cul-de-sac is prohibited during all hours. Vehicles parked in these areas that prohibit the removal of snow will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner's expense.

NOTICE – 2020 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence its 2020 Budget deliberations during its combined COTW/Regular Council Meeting scheduled for December 12, 2019.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

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Lake association puts on the drive

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Each Thanksgiving weekend, members of the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lake Area Property Owners' Association (MBC) gather at St. Peter's Church at Maple Lake and, along with congregation members, collect food and money that is then dropped off at the Minden Food Bank.

"There's a lot of goodness," says Charlie O'Connor of the MBC executive, seated in the community kitchen at the Minden Community Food Centre on Newcastle Street. "You've got the goodness of everybody donating, you take that goodness and you bring it down to these people, to the food bank here, and they're elated with it, because they know how much goodness they can send out into the community."

This past Thanksgiving, MBC brought two truckloads of food to the food bank, along with more than \$2,200. As O'Connor explains, the association itself is able to fund-match donations from members, up to a total of \$1,000. MBC's Thanksgiving food drive, a partnership with St. Peter's Church, has been taking place for a few years now.

"It started with, the members of MBC wanted to do something for the community, and I know that Thanksgiving food drives have been done by other groups," says MBC member Sally Howson. "And, it's a logical thing, why take your food back to the city type of thing."

Howson says it's been eye-opening for some members of the association how reliant on the food bank many Minden and area residents are. "People not realizing how many



Members of the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association join volunteers at the Minden Food Bank. From left are Murray Adam, Sally Howson, Charlie O'Connor, Bruce Fisher, Gary Stoner, food bank manager Joanne Barnes, Bruno Campagnolo and Jim Wilson. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

children rely on the food bank," she says. "So, I think what we've been able to do is raise awareness."

MBC has contributed about \$6,000, along with truckloads of food, to the food bank during the past five years.

It's common for more than 200 families to be using the Minden Food Bank at any point in time, and there are about 225 currently registered.

"Originally, the food bank was an emer-

gency food bank," says manager Joanne Barnes. "Now, it's a way of life. Most of our families can barely manage to survive three weeks, and the food bank picks up the slack for the next 10 days until their next cheque comes in."

MBC member Murray Adam speaks highly of the food bank's volunteers, and the time they put in.

"It takes a lot of people to do it [MBC's food drive], to collect the food and whatnot," Adam says. "But then you come down here and you realize these folks are doing this year-round. It's not just a weekend thing. They're here all the time."

The food bank has 35 to 40 volunteers, the community kitchen 14.

Barnes says of her 15 years with the food bank, this has been the worst yet, and that since September, she's been registering new families on each day the food bank is open, including three new families the day she was interviewed. She says as many of 40 per cent of families who use the food bank have members who are employed, but have trouble making ends meet by the end of the month. The number of clients increases during the winter months, and drops during the summer when more seasonal work is available. Last summer, for example, 225 families using the food bank dropped to 88.

"All those others got work, and didn't have to come in here," Barnes says.

Then, by mid-August, numbers start to climb again as seasonal jobs fold up.

When asked how many lake associations make regular contributions to the food bank, "There's two or three," Barnes says. "There's room to encourage others."

And that's what O'Connor would like to do. Not create a competitive atmosphere, he notes, but to encourage other lake associations to create similar drives and keep the food bank in mind. O'Connor says he'd also like to thank the association's sponsors, who help makes its activities viable.

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But then you come down here and you realize these folks are doing this year-round.

— MURRAY ADAM, MBC PRESIDENT

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Awareness about benefits of wetlands is key: Gerstl

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biologist Paul Heaven.

"He's done a fair part of the areas around [the Kendrick Creek complex] already, certainly he is very familiar with the Barry Wetland and he's very familiar of course with the species at risk that live on these properties in the wetland," she said.

The wetland complex is part of the watershed that extends into Snowdon Park, a popular place for people to go hiking, snowshoeing or walking their dogs.

Gerstl said the land trust will be reach-

ing out to landowners who have property on the wetland complex and letting them know about the importance of the wetland to the environment as well as about tax incentives that may exist.

"Awareness is the key here. The more that people are aware of what a wetland does for us and how vast it is [the better]," she said. "I was shocked when Paul [Heaven] showed imaging of the wetlands – and it's many, many wetlands that are all connected and they all work together to mitigate flooding."

The funding for the project is provided through the Climate Action Fund.

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The Lakelands Association of Realtors welcomes new leadership

The Lakelands Association of Realtors continues its commitment to supporting and promoting local realtors in Haliburton, Orillia, Muskoka and Parry Sound under the leadership of their new president Catharine Inniss, who officially took the helm on Nov. 1.

"I am excited to work with a highly-skilled, enthusiastic, and positive-thinking board of directors," says Inniss. "I am also proud to represent over 850 very effective local realtors."

Innis wants to continue to build on the association's forward-thinking approach to real estate. "Members continue to rely on us for solid support, in an ever-changing

marketplace. Local realtors are essential in the successful purchase and sale of real estate in Parry Sound, Muskoka, Haliburton, Orillia and surrounding areas. The Lakelands Association of Realtors intends to support its members every step of the way."

The 2019 Lakelands Association of Realtors board includes three new directors: Heather Scott (Port Carling); Andrew Hodgson (Minden) and Kaleb Streeter (Oro). They are joining past president Wendy Webb (Bracebridge), president-elect Chuck Murney (Parry Sound) Lindsay Elizabeth Elder (Minden) and D'Arcy Hunt (Orillia).

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Town hall

LAST SATURDAY, Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts and Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy held a town hall meeting in that municipality's council chambers, one it appears will not be the last.

It was the first such meeting the pair have held, and was an opportunity for residents to ask questions and share ideas with the municipality's two top politicians. It was well attended, with a few dozen residents cramming the relatively small room that is Dysart et al council chambers. With one of the municipality's main landfills set to transition to a transfer station next year, it was clear that issues of waste disposal, diversion and recycling are on the minds of many residents, and the first chunk of the meeting included conversation mostly around those issues. There were plenty of other questions and comments too, ones concerning Head Lake Park, and traffic-calming techniques in the Village of Haliburton, and the possibility of charging terminals for electric vehicles.

It was informal, congenial and respectful, punctuated with moments of levity, a conversation between residents and their political representatives. It was a healthy

exercise in local democracy, a chance for residents to voice their concerns directly to, and have questions directly answered by, community decision-makers. For the mayor and deputy mayor, it was a chance to take the temperature of the community and gauge people's priorities. It was great; by all measures a success. Roberts and Kennedy should be applauded for taking the time to host the forum, and indeed, attendees showed their appreciation for the opportunity with a round of applause at the meeting's conclusion.

Roberts said it was her intention to hold

such town hall meetings twice a year, likely in the spring and winter.

The concept of regular town hall meetings is often mentioned during municipal election campaigns, but to see a town hall meeting take place in Haliburton County is a rare occurrence. Another one took place in Dysart et al earlier this year, hosted by Ward 4 Councillor John Smith in West Guilford.

It's wonderful that it seems like these meetings will become routine in Dysart et al, and Roberts's and Kennedy's counterparts in the county's other municipalities should consider taking up the practice.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

Kwarky



"This ain't no catnap."

Half past stupid

TOMORROW MORNING, I will be getting up 3:30 a.m. so I can take my fishing gear and hop in a car with two fishing buddies. Then we will drive three hours so we can be on the river fishing for steelhead by first light.

If you have never fished or hunted, you might know what we call "3:30 a.m." as "half past stupid."

That's what my partner Jenn calls it.

Jenn, you see, is a normal person who does not, for some reason, understand the need to get up in the middle of the night to drive on wintery roads to a place where you will don waders and step into frigid water, all for the chance of catching a fish you will probably release.

Who can say how her mind works?

I would not think this is even worth writing about if not for the curious fact that this is no mere fluke. You see – and this is the hard part for me to believe – she also calls it half past stupid when I get up early to go duck, deer, grouse, squirrel, hare, goose or woodcock hunting. And – get this – to her, half past stupid can mean any time from 1:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m.

This, and the fact that they don't teach waterfowl identification, is why I believe our educational system has failed us.

As a result, people like Jenn have never risen at half past stupid in their entire life.

True, in their younger years, they frequently went to bed at that time. But getting up? Not unless a fire alarm or a weak bladder forced the issue.

I'm not sure if this has to do with some genetic trait which only allows people like Jenn's eyelids to move in one direction –

from open to shut – during the half past stupid hours. If so, someone needs to start a telethon to find a cure.

It makes me sad for Jenn and others, because almost the best fishing and hunting occurs during the early morning. And, to be in place, you need to get up at half past stupid. Otherwise you miss out.

Without a cure Jenn, and people like her, will also never be able to enjoy the feeling of discovering the leak in your waders, how hot coffee from a drive-thru feels on your lap, and what it's like to

be in a car with at least one angler who ate chili the night before. It's sad really. They're missing out on everything that makes life worth living.

Don't think I haven't tried to help her either.

I've blown goose and duck calls in the bedroom, backed boats over garbage cans, made dogs bark and even set off fire alarms while making breakfast, all in a desperate attempt

to show her the beauty of half past stupid.

Sadly, it has been to no avail.

It's not like Jenn hasn't made a valiant effort either. She has insisted on setting my alarm clock several times in order to get up with me at half past stupid. You should see her when she makes those attempts. She is giddy with delight. In fact, I have never seen her so happy. She beams at the prospect of us getting up early as a couple so we can be on some river bank, deer stand or duck blind at first light.

But, again, our educational system failed us. As sad as it is, Jenn still doesn't know the difference between a.m. and p.m.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

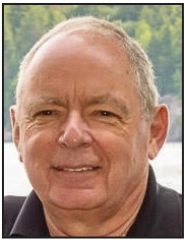
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The lessons of hunting

THREE BRITTLE jeers break the blessed stillness of the woods. I am found out. I was enjoying the stillness, feeling totally alone and unnoticed. Observing, presumably without being observed. Now I am the centre of attention.

It is a blue jay, of course, that has sounded the alarm, warning everything with ears that I am slinking through their territory. I can't see it, but it hears and sees me from some hidden perch.

I was hoping to spot some game. The day certainly is right. A bold blue sky with an abundance of late autumn sunshine illuminating the darkest corners of these woods.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

The jay's screaming has lessened my chances of spotting anything. I have a feeling that there is not much to spot anyway. There are few tracks and little other fresh sign.

The winter-like weather of early November seems to have alerted birds and animals to start moving to winter quarters. The bears likely have gone into hibernation; the deer are moving off to winter yarding areas where they have a better chance of avoiding starvation.

The official start of winter is three weeks away, but the signs of it bearing down are everywhere.

Bare-branch oaks and maples surrounding me are shivering. It's not really that cold so I assume they are shivering in anticipation of what is to come.

From the ridge where I am standing, I see the lake below. It is frothing and spitting to protest the lashing it is taking from the wintery north wind. Soon the lake will be calmed and stiffened by relentless overnight freezing temperatures.

The freezing and the heavy-duty storms that accompany it will lock in winter for the coming five or six months.

I think about how lucky I am to be enjoying these woods before the big snows close them off.

Then it hits me: this is the first time I can remember being in the autumn woods unarmed. No shotgun for partridge, no rifle or bow for deer, moose or bear. In fact, I don't even have a hunting licence, for the first time that I can remember.

I have decided not to hunt this year.

Some folks say age reduces the urge to hunt, but I still have that urge and still know the excitement of hunting.

I guess I am hunting during this walk in the woods. I hope to see a deer running down the ravine that leads to the lake. Or, hear the rush of a partridge flushing from beneath an evergreen. I'm just not carrying a weapon.

I have decided not to hunt this year because I see game numbers steadily decreasing in the woods that I travel. I have seen only one partridge this year, and if I saw it again while carrying my shotgun, I could not in good conscience shoot it.

The same applies to deer, although their numbers fluctuate from year to year and location to location. They could be abundant next year or the year after.

Not so the partridge. Where I wander the flocks no longer exist. The decline is a trend that I, and other hunters, have seen develop over the past 20 years.

My decision not to take any game this year is strictly personal. In no way do I advocate it as a decision to be followed by others.

Hunting is a valuable part of Canadian culture. It provides enjoyment and food for many people and is an effective management tool in areas where game management is needed.

Also, the licensing of hunting provides governments with money, which hopefully is used to better manage wildlife resources and ensure that hunting can continue for the many thousands who enjoy it.

None of my favourable thoughts on hunting apply to one aspect of the sport – trophy hunting. Killing any animal specifically to pose with its corpse, or simply to wall mount its head or horns, is not hunting. It is killing to feed one's ego.

Hunting is about learning to become part of nature. That involves understanding that everything in nature – including you – is equal.

Parts of nature kill other parts. They do it out of need.

Humans kill animals, plants, fish and insects. When they do, there should be some form of need, and a great deal of respect.

Pomodoro

“YOU SAY TOMATO, I say tomato.” I had to start with that because pomodoro is Italian for tomato and today we're talking about productivity. I get that makes no sense at all but bear with me.

There is this very cool time management method called the Pomodoro Technique. It's named after that tomato timer that has graced many kitchens over the years because when this technique was first created in the late 1980s the inventor, Francesco Cirillo, used one of those timers to track time. This technique increases productivity by scheduling short, regular breaks. Here's how it works:

1. Decide on the task to be done.
2. Set the pomodoro timer to 25 minutes (I'm using my phone so I ask Siri to set the timer.)
3. Work on the task.
4. Stop work when the timer rings and put a checkmark on a piece of paper.
5. If there are less than four checkmarks/sessions, take a three to five minute break, and then go back to step 2.
6. After four sessions or pomodoros take a longer break and reset your checkmark count to zero and start again.

I've been using this technique this week

and it's working. I've been incredibly productive. I have the timer set now. There's something about this that takes away the overwhelming feeling of starting some tasks. The 25 minute chunk works for me but apparently you can adjust to timing that works for you.



LAURIE SWEIG

Practical Fitness

The best part of this for all of you stuck at a desk for eight hours or more a day is that during those breaks you can move your body. (Oh my timer just went off so I'll be back in a couple of moments after I do some squats.) (I'm back and feeling good – timer is reset.) You can get up, walk around, stretch, squat, lunge, touch your toes or even do some push-ups. The point is you can

battle sitting disease and be more productive by using the Pomodoro Technique.

There you have it. This feels like the answer I've been searching for to help clients get some movement into their days. It's one of those win/win situations. Thank goodness for that.

Something to think about.

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal fitness trainer and spinning instructor. She owns and operates The Point for Fitness. She can be reached at laurie@thepointforfitness.com.

Pie sale this weekend

DORSET NEWS

Lee Ross

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The Christmas Pie Sale and Social is happening Saturday, Dec. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Knox United Church. Come for a slice of pie with coffee, tea or juice for \$5. Baked or frozen pies and tarts will also be for sale.

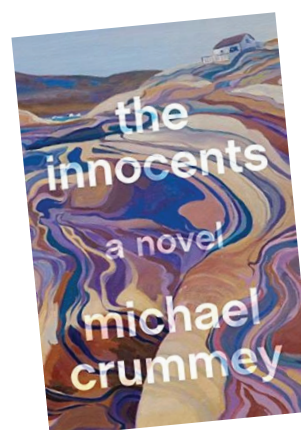
Let's get festive this holiday season and decorate Algonquin Highlands! The rec centre is hosting a Christmas decorating contest similar to their fall decorating contest.

Decorate your home or business, register and submit a photo to the rec centre by Friday, Dec. 6 and vote between Dec. 8 to 14. For more information contact the rec centre at 705-766-9968 or recreation@algonquin-highlands.ca.

The cold is here and lakes are starting to freeze. While you may be anxious to get out there, please remember that no ice is safe ice and to always check before going out on lakes, especially bigger bodies of water.

Happy birthday to Donald McEachern and Janeen Byman. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

Book of the Month - December



The Innocents by Michael Crummey

A brother and sister are orphaned in an isolated cove on Newfoundland's northern coastline. Their home is a stretch of rocky shore governed by the feral ocean. Still only children, they have nothing but the family's boat and the little knowledge passed on haphazardly by their parents to sustain them.

Through years of meagre catches, storms and ravaging illness, their fierce loyalty to each other maintains. But as the seasons pass, and they wade deeper into the mystery of their own natures, even that loyalty will be tested.

The Innocents is a riveting story of hardship and survival, and an unflinching exploration of the bond between brother and sister. It is a testament to both the heartbreaking bounty and barbarity of the world, and to the electrifying wonders and strangeness of ourselves.

Shortlisted for the 2019 Scotiabank Giller Prize, *The Innocents* is available at HCPL.

County of Haliburton buys Wee Care

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The County of Haliburton is purchasing Wee Care, the daycare facility along County Road 21 just outside Haliburton Village, meaning when the deal closes, the upper-tier government will own both licensed childcare centres within the county.

County councillors approved the purchase during a Nov. 27 council meeting. As chief administrative officer Mike Rutter explained, the owners of the property, members of the Hodgson family who for many years had been involved in the operation of the facility, intended to sell the property to contribute to their retirement, but did not want to leave the daycare in a precarious position. After an unsuccessful search for an alternative location for the facility, the owners took the property off the market.

The county then entered negotiations for the purchase of the 3.5-acre property and its building appraised at \$800,000. Rutter said a building inspection indicated the roof of the facility would need to be replaced in the near future, and a purchase price of \$770,000 was negotiated. An offer was submitted and accepted in late October, with the deal set to close in early December.

"This ensures that both [licensed] daycares within the county stay under public ownership," Rutter said.

During the summer, county council voted to purchase the licensed daycare centre in Minden from the Ontario Early Years Centre



for \$2. Since a kerfuffle in the spring of 2018 that nearly resulted in that facility's closure, it has been operated by Compass Early Learning and Care.

Bringing Wee Care under county ownership will avoid any similar precariousness around its future, and the county, as new landlord, is also entering into a 10-year lease agreement with Wee Care for its continued operation of the centre. The county will pay cash for the property out of its reserves, re-

paying itself with the \$36,000 in annual rent it will receive from the daycare operator during the next 21 years.

"It is recommended that an interest rate be paid similar to what could have been earned should the funds remain invested," a report from Rutter read. "It is expected that the annual taxpayer funded investment will be no more than \$15,000."

"The property has a fair amount of vacant land," Rutter told councillors, suggesting the

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county could use that property for some other purpose in the future, including affordable housing or community gardens. "There are lots of opportunities."

Councillors quickly and unanimously supported the purchase.

"This is a really good day for young families in Haliburton County," said Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts. "Just as much as we need doctors in our community ... we need daycare."

24th Annual Christmas Challenge

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Secondary school teachers' union plans one-day strike

by JENN WATT
Editor

Action by teachers in Ontario is intensifying this week with the secondary school union announcing they will strike for one day on Wednesday, Dec. 4 if no deal with the province is reached.

Harvey Bischof, president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, said in a letter to members that meaningful progress had not been made at the bargaining table, pointing out that the process had been ongoing for eight months.

"The Minister [of Education] has also undermined negotiations through press conferences at which he has publicly announced bargaining positions that have not been presented by his negotiating teams at the table. He publicly claims that compensation is the only issue preventing a deal, yet his bargaining team has simply refused to address our proposals on crucial issues including class size, e-learning and job security for our members," Bischof said.

OSSTF members had previously stopped providing some administrative services and held information pickets to get the word out.

"This one-day, full withdrawal of services will cause a short-term disruption for our students, but if we allow this government to continue down the path it is on, students will suffer the negative impacts for years to come," Bischof said.

Responding to the OSSTF announcement of an upcoming one-day strike, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce said the

action was troubling and would hurt students.

"Our government has demonstrated consistently it is reasonable and student-centric by making major moves that have not been matched or reciprocated by the teachers' unions. In fact, on the days we made reasonable offers – reducing class room sizes from 28 to 25 and reducing online learning courses from four to two – the unions decided to escalate. This is wrong, and our students deserve better," he said.

"I call on OSSTF to remain at the bargaining table, with third-party, independent mediation, up until the deadline. All

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But if we allow this government to continue down the path it is on, students will suffer the negative impacts for years to come.

— HARVEY BISCHOF

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parties that are truly committed to the success of our children will consider every tool available to avoid strikes which hurt our students."

Trillium Lakelands District School Board said if the strike takes place, all secondary schools and adult and alternate education centres will be closed to students. They will reopen Thursday, Dec. 5.

The board said in an email to parents that they will be notified on Tuesday if the strike is set to proceed on Wednesday.

Elementary school teachers are currently taking work-to-rule job action, cutting out many tasks they previously conducted such as commenting on report cards and attending unpaid staff meetings outside of the regular school day.

They met with the provincial government's bargaining team on Monday with no updates before press time, however, in a statement released on Friday, the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario expressed frustration about how the process had been going.

"ETFO wants to reach a fair deal, and our bargaining team has been working hard to achieve that goal," said ETFO's president Sam Hammond. "We come ready every time to have meaningful discussions on issues that are important to our members. But we are not seeing the same commitment on the government's part."

Class size, violence in schools and supports for students are issues ETFO says it has been working on improving through negotiations, but says there has been "almost no progress" on those issues after four months of bargaining.

Updates from TLDSB on the OSSTF and ETFO job actions can be found at www.tldsb.ca/labour-updates.

Draft county tax increase hovering below four per cent

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Nov. 27 meeting of Haliburton County council.

Treasurer Elaine Taylor presented an updated 2020 draft budget to councillors, which included a number of changes from a first draft budget she'd presented to council earlier this fall. The changes, a series of increases and decreases on various line items, resulted in a net drop of nearly \$14,000 from the first draft budget, meaning the anticipated tax rate increase has dropped from 3.93 to 3.89 per cent. One per cent has been allotted for assessment growth. It is likely the budget will be passed early in the new year. That tax rate increase is for the county portion of residents' tax bills, which also include a portion for their lower-tier tax rate, as well as the school board. It's anticipated most of the lower-tier councils will pass their 2020 budgets in February.

Danielsen reappointed warden

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen, who has served as Haliburton County warden for 2019, was reappointed by colleagues to serve another year at the helm of the county council table. Councillors select from amongst themselves who will serve as warden, the head of council and the county's primary representative with other levels of government, on an annual basis. The position is traditionally acclaimed, with Danielsen the only official nomination this time around. A member of county council since 2010, this year was Danielsen's first time in the role. She thanked her colleagues for their support, and will officially be inaugurated as warden for 2020 during a Dec. 17 meeting. A deputy warden will be chosen at a Dec. 18 meeting, or, if an internal election is required, in January. Haliburton County council is comprised of the mayors and deputy mayors from each of the county's four lower-tier municipalities.

Permission for puzzle

Residents Brigitte Gall and Michael Bainbridge made a delegation to council, requesting to use the image of a mural painted on the wall of the Minden registry office, a county-owned building on Newcastle Street, for a jigsaw puzzle.

The mural, which depicts a map of Haliburton County augmented by images of fish and other wildlife, advertising the area as a "fisherman's paradise," was painted in 1962 by artist Fred Ayers, who was contracted by the county for the work.

"So it is an image owned by the county," Gall said.

Last year, the couple launched puzzle company TheOccurrence, using Bainbridge's mineral photos as imagery for their first puzzles. Then, they made one featuring a number of road signs from around the county, called Haliburton County Road Trip.

"We totally underestimated how well that would be received," Gall said, explaining not only have they been making more of that puzzle, but were looking at doing a county-based series and thought the vintage mural would make an ideal image.

Since the image is owned by the county, for each sale of the

mural puzzle, they explained a portion of the proceeds would be donated to the Art Council Haliburton Highlands' artists in the schools program, on behalf of the County of Haliburton.

Councillors were on board, granting the permission.

"Resoundingly, yes," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin.

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Red Hawks growing from a loss

Hockey team loses to St. Mary Thunder 5-1, but gains so much more

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

After a 5-1 road loss to the St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, the Red Hawks hockey team head coach Jason Morissette called it an opportunity to improve while his team was volunteering for the Heat Bank, splitting, sorting and stacking wood for the Heat Bank Haliburton County at Abbey Gardens on Friday, Nov. 29.

Morissette said the Hawks with veteran Carson Sisson in net didn't necessarily lose to the perennial Kawartha powerhouse hockey team, the Thunder, as they were beat by a deeper team with greater skill on Wednesday, Nov. 27 in Cobourg.

"What we learned the most playing a team that is that quick and ... really moves the puck fast [is that they] really take advantage of you when you make mistakes. These guys really learned, like for instance, two of the goals were on odd man rushes. So what happened is our guys got away from playing that 1-2-2 system. They got caught in deep and then St. Mary just pounces. They're so fast, you can't get back. Carson had some two-on-ones on him and things like that, right? Every one of the goals St. Mary got was basically on a one timer. Like it wasn't a set shot. Not much chance," he said. "Carson played really well. Any shot that he could get set for he was making those saves."

The Thunder easily out shot the Hawks. Morissette thought it was a margin of two-to-one for the Thunder.

He was impressed by the Hawks' three defencemen Ty Mills, Isaac Little and Dylan Keefer. However, they learned they can't rush the puck and need to pace themselves, Morissette said. On Monday, Nov. 25, Keefer left the home game against the I.E. Weldon Wildcats in the second period after getting hit from behind against the boards. His departure was for precautionary reasons and he was cleared to play against the Thunder.

Although the Thunder did score a powerplay goal, it was the only opportunity they had with the man advantage. Morissette appreciated how his team improved their discipline with just the one penalty for the game.

"They knew. They are listening. They are listening to some of my advice about certain teams, about what you can get away with and what you can't get away [with]. Like I said, it's going to be a learning year for them," he said.

The Thunder ran four full lines, easily outnumbering the Hawks, who had three lines (two centremen), and three defencemen. The disparity was owed to five players who are out of the lineup for injury and illness. Morissette said this wasn't an excuse.

"Yes, we were missing five players that would help for our energy and for learning – to get the guys in the lineup to learn, but St. Mary, to be very honest, is very talented, well-coached," he said.

Recognizing many of the Thunder players from last year, the opponents have a veteran team and are likely to be a team to beat.

"They're good and they have that OFSAA experience," he said.

Last year, the Thunder beat the Hawks in the COSSA final to earn a trip to the all-provincials.

Morissette said his team is learning to play against a team that is "a little quicker, a little older, you know, physically even stronger so I was impressed by them. Our guys, we held them to 1-0 after the first."

Down 3-0 to start the third, he said, the Hawks responded with a goal from Lucas Haedicke (assisted by Paul Turner). He said the team wasn't able to capitalize on the momentum unfortunately because there wasn't much energy left from the shortened bench. The Thunder added another two to seal the deal.

St. Mary player Logan Kelly led all scorers with three points (two goals and an assist).

The next three games are important, he said, as it will be an opportunity to win and earn some points, crucial for a playoff berth. The top seven teams will move on. However there will be a AA and a AAA playoff.

The Hawks' next home game is against the Lions of Adam Scott on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at the A.J. LaRue Arena. Puck drops 4 p.m.

Morissette said he's had teams in the past who have lost in the regular season, but went on to experience playoff success. Winning is part of a development process, which includes losing.

"You do have to lose to learn too," he said. "You can't just



Red Hawks goalie Darian Maddock watches a puck beat him, following a rebound off the boards behind the net for a waiting Wildcats player, who scored during Kawartha High School Hockey League action on Monday, Nov. 25 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks lost 4-3. Two days later, the Hawks fell to the Thunder 5-1 while playing in Cobourg. / **DARREN LUM** Staff

win, win, win. You learn a lot from losing."

Losing helps build resiliency, he added.

The road trip was more than the game with a goal to win. It was about the social aspect of team getting to know one

another during the drive down and sharing a meal together, making memories, Morissette said.

"The truth is they had a fun day," he said.



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Next steps toward sustainable food system

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Following Harvest Haliburton's Food and Agriculture economic development forum held this past March, a diverse collective of community organizers and leaders gathered again to collaborate, this time on action plans for next steps toward local food marketing and culinary tourism, local food planning and infrastructure, and agricultural economic development.

Held at Abbey Retreat Centre on Nov. 29, the agriculture roundtable conversation was

again attended by municipal planners and councillors, economic developers, food producers and farmers, food processors, retailers, restaurateurs, food tourism operators and promoters, environmentalists, and anyone interested in creating a sustainable food system in the region.

Breaking into three discussion groups: local food marketing and culinary tourism, local food planning and infrastructure, and agricultural economic development advisory council, attendees hashed out action over the next few months to work toward.

The plans include the development of

awareness and education campaigns; organization and development of a committee that includes a municipal planner representative to research, review and make recommendations to councils around local food policies related to agriculture; better understanding barriers to local food production; developing a productive partnership between food

producers and policymakers; and potentially hiring people to take research and leadership roles to work toward better support of local food systems.

For more information on Harvest Haliburton, visit www.harvesthaliburton.ca or follow Harvest Haliburton on Facebook.

A Harvest Haliburton agriculture roundtable at Abbey Retreat Centre on Nov. 29 was attended by a range of local stakeholders including politicians, farmers and business representatives. / SUE TIFFIN Staff



Bringing a smile to the food bank

Minden Tim Hortons franchisee Nancy Bishop, left, and operations manager Debbie Rouble presented a \$3,907 cheque to Minden Community Food Centre manager Joanne Barnes, co-ordinator for Community Kitchen, Marilynne Lesperance and chairperson Don Vito on Monday, Dec. 2 at the Minden Community Food Centre. The money was raised for the food bank from the sale of Smile Cookies, which is a national program run by Tim Hortons locations every year in September in Canada. All proceeds from the sale of Smile Cookies are donated to a chosen charity. (Lesperance is retiring from her position and applications are accepted. Contact the food centre.) /DARREN LUM Staff

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Answers on page 14



Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, Nov. 25

High Average (cumulative)

Women – Cathy Snell – 219

Men – Rick West – 230

This Week's Highs – Women

High Single – Cathy Snell – 285

High Single Hcp – Cathy Snell – 290

High Triple – Cathy Snell – 658

High Triple Hcp – Sandy Glecoff – 688

This Week's Highs – Men

High Single – Claude Cote – 348

High Single Hcp – Claude Cote – 372

High Triple – Claude Cote – 787

High Triple Hcp – Claude Cote – 859

Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores Nov. 26

Men

High Avg. – Ken Thompson/Claude Cote – 190

High Single – Claude Cote – 234

High Triple – Bill Clendenning – 549

High Single H/C. – Bill Clendenning – 83

High Triple H/C. – Bill Clendenning – 777

Women

High Avg. – Chris Cote – 182

High Single – Chris Cote – 205

High Triple – Chris Cote – 586

High Single H/C – Maureen Fahr – 252

High Triple H/C – Olga Mark – 705

High Scores Nov 28 Thursday Seniors

Ladies:

High Average: Nancy Charlton – 194

High Single: Gloria Wagg – 246

High Single w/hdcp: Gloria Wagg – 295

High Triple: Gloria Wagg – 565

High Triple w/hdcp: Gloria Wagg – 712

Men:

High Average: Doug Reinwald – 194

High Single: Doug Reinwald – 221

High Single: Ben Dentinger – 256

High Triple: Doug Reinwald – 599

High Triple: Doug Reinwald – 677

Haliburton Red Wolves Bowling Scores

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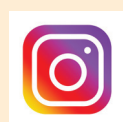
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When: Thursday, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Kinmount Railway Station
Carol singing, pictures with Santa, refreshments
**Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Open House
and Enviro-Hero Awards**
When: Thursday, Dec. 5, from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: HHLT Office, 739 Mountain St. Haliburton
Join us in thanking our volunteers, say hello to friends and
enjoy a treat. Enviro-Hero Awards will take place at 2 p.m.
All welcome!

**St. Paul's Anglican Church Children's
Christmas Gift Sale**

When: Friday Dec. 6, 4 to 7 p.m.,
Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 to 2 p.m.
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave,
Minden
Nothing cost more than \$1.00
Children come and shop for Christmas Gifts for family &
friends. We will help the children shop, wrap and tag the
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tree.

Christmas Luncheon

When: Friday, Dec. 6, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Where: Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Road,
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Bucket draw, Santa squares, bake sale.
Admission by donation (Snow Date Dec. 7)

Kinmount Christmas in the Village

When: Saturday, Dec. 7
Where: Kinmount
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When: Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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Ladies' Night

Shoppers were in a good mood while perusing the goods at the Stedman's V&S in Minden during the annual Ladies' Night in downtown Minden on Thursday, Nov. 28. Some participating merchants featured Ladies Night discounts, offers and free treats/refreshments during the day while others started close to 5 p.m. and stayed open until nearly 9 p.m. /DARREN LUM Staff



Shoppers look through Christmas goods during the annual Ladies' Night in downtown Minden on Thursday, Nov. 28 at Minden Pharmasave.

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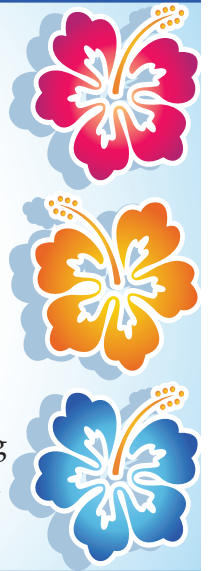
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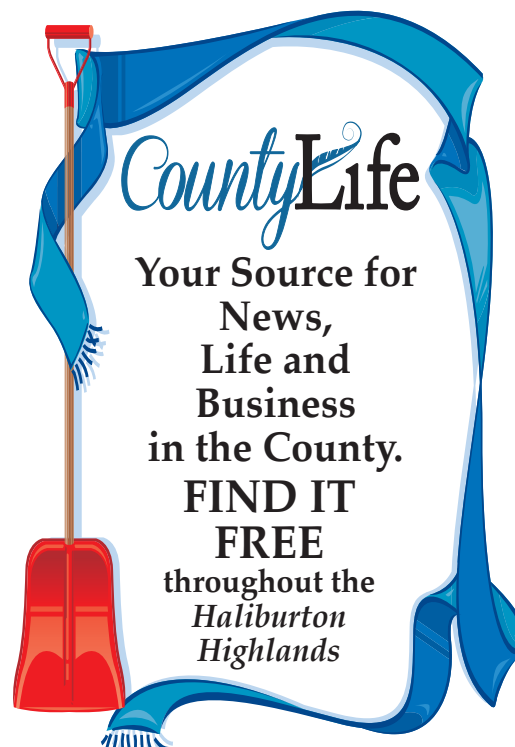
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Private Family Service & Reception

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William "Bill" Davis
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Highlights

Rescue

When a white tailed deer buck fell through the thin ice on Lake Kashagawigamog, residents from both sides of the lake came to the rescue. They pulled the flailing buck from the icy water and cared for it until it was well enough to return to the wild last Monday.
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Sewer

The final report of the Dysart sewage plant expansion is out, but residents on the lake still aren't satisfied and plan to ask the Ministry of Environment for an environmental impact study.
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St. Nick

Santa Claus helped warm the hearts of hundreds of area children Saturday which helped chase off the cold of a sub-zero morning. The first Minden Santa Claus Parade was a big hit on all accounts.
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Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs were in Minden Saturday to help welcome Santa to town during the first Lions Santa Claus Parade. Sneezy, Grumpy and Doc were aboard the Westside Jug City float that took first place in the Commercial category of this highly-successful parade. There were about 50 entries in the parade, which took about 45 minutes to pass any point along the route. Several hundred viewers lined the street for this festive event and more than 300 children later had an opportunity to sit on Santa's lap and whisper the Christmas wishes in his ear.

Varying ideas on rail corridor expressed at meeting

With everyone pulling in different directions, the County's Railway Corridor Committee is facing a difficult task in deciding how the property should be developed and who should be allowed to use it.

At a meeting with adjoining land-owners last week, the committee heard several dissenting views on what would be done with the 100-foot-wide strip of land that stretches from Kinmount to Haliburton village.

Committee chairman George Simmons said the County's decision to purchase the abandoned railway is viewed by many as "the smartest move Haliburton has ever made." However, the process of developing the narrow strip of land will demand tolerance. He said the county has budgeted only \$10,000 for it this year. "You can't do a heck of a lot with that."

Only about 15 people turned out to the meeting, and most had differing opinions of what the county should do with the property. Most agreed that the County should keep the property, rather than sell it back to the adjoining land-owners. Many agreed that the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association should be allowed to use the line again this winter. Others wanted it preserved for non-motorized activities like hiking, horse-back riding, bicycling, cross-country skiing or dog sledding. Some wanted it turned into a roadway and one person suggested

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By-law for steel plant passed by council

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

Minden council has passed the controversial rezoning by-law for a metal fabrication plant in the Canning Lake area, but local residents plan to send the matter before an Ontario Municipal Board hearing.

The rezoning and Official Plan amendment will allow Hans Walter to operate his business, known as North Steel, on the 23-acre parcel of land near Ingoldsby. The industrial zoning will apply only to a five-acre parcel upon which the business will be located.

At a public meeting dealing with the rezoning last Thursday, council heard strong opposition to the proposal by people who own property in the Canning Lake area.

They expressed concerns that the location of the business will result in a decrease in the value of their properties,

that North Steel poses a threat to the environment, and that the move will set a precedent for other industries to locate in the area.

Last Thursday was the third time council had passed a rezoning by-law to allow Walter's operation on the property.

The first time, in December 1988, one of the adjoining property owners, Albert Cavan, was not notified of the rezoning. As a result, council had to rescind the by-law and start over.

The by-law was passed again and an appeal was sent to the Ontario Municipal Board by neighbouring property owners. The hearing was scheduled for last Thursday, but the township cancelled the hearing on the advice of planning consultant Bob Lehman, who wanted the township to redefine the zoning by-law and pass an accompanying Official Plan amendment.

The by-law which council passed permits only the operation of the steel fabri-

cation business and an accessory dwelling unit. The shop operation includes the cutting, bending, welding, assembling, painting and warehousing of steel products.

The issue has been an emotional one for the neighbouring property owners, and tempers flared during last week's public meeting.

The meeting had barely begun when one property owner, Joseph Curtin, objected to the proceedings because he said the rezoning had not been advertised, just the Official Plan amendment.

Curtin told council it should proceed with the Official Plan amendment but postpone discussions on the rezoning application until it had been properly circulated.

However, when Cavan said the rezoning had been listed on the notices which went out to adjoining property owners, Curtin withdrew his objection.

Chris Lloyd, another of Walter's neigh-

bours, then objected to council that Walter was not present at the meeting to answer questions.

Minden Reeve Ray Moore agreed that Walter should be in attendance but said council could not force him to be there.

Lloyd suggested that the meeting be adjourned until a time when Walter would attend, and if he still wouldn't show up the application for the rezoning "should fall by the wayside."

Moore said Walter's presence was not necessary for the meeting to be held and said the application would proceed regardless of the applicant's absence.

"There's no reason for Mr. Walter to be here," said councillor Bob Sisson. "We're just doing the same thing as last time."

Lloyd said that if council passed the rezoning and Official Plan amendment,

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